

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Earle and Mosena Burkins House #4 (preferred)

and/or common Slade House

2. Location

street & number 739 Roland Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Bel Air ___ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jo Ann Slade

street & number 1216 Bancroft Court telephone no.: 301-838-5431

city, town Bel Air state and zip code 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1467

street & number Main Street folio 8

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. HA-1763

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1763

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. NA-1763

Larew, Marilyn M. BEL AIR: The Town Through Its Buildings, the Town of Bel Air and the Maryland Historical Trust, 1981.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

This property occupies Parcel 42 in the Town of Bel Air.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Earle and Mosena Burkins House
739 Roland Avenue
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Item 7, Description (continuation sheet)

This "minimal traditional"¹ house was built in 1958. Minimal traditional houses were built between 1935 and 1950 and can be seen in great number in the large tract-housing developments of the period. These predominantly one-story houses characteristically feature low roof pitches with close roof eaves and rake, front-facing gables, and a large chimney.

The house is approached via a concrete walkway leading from the street to three steps and the entrance. The entrance is contained in the second bay from the left on the southwest (principal) elevation.

The house is horizontal in feel, with a side-gable roof over the main body of the house and a front-gabled projecting bay. The house is covered in asbestos shingles. The roof is clad in composition roll. There is an interior center chimney which pierces the roof on its rear slope.

The main body of the house contains three bays, but there is an integral one-story screened-in porch at the rightmost end of the facade (the southwest elevation), making for an overall width of four bays. The house is two bays deep and 1 1/2 stories in height. The door is located in the center bay of the main body of the house. The recessed paneled wooden door also features two panes of glass at the top. It is covered by a screen door.

The windows are double-hung, and have 8/8 sash. They are flanked by heavy, wooden paneled shutters which are most likely original. There is a small louver in the front gable. The screened-in porch, probably once open-air, features latticwork corner posts.

There is a detached one-story garage to the rear of the house.

¹ Virginia and Lee McAlester, A Field Guide to American Houses, New York: Alfred P. Knopf, 1986, p. 478.

Earle and Mosena Burkins House
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Item 8, Significance (continuation sheet)

This "minimal traditional" house was built in 1958 by Earle and Mosena Burkins.¹ One year after the house's construction, it was purchased by Daniel and Marjorie Fitzpatrick (518/463). In 1964, Ruth and Milton Creswell bought the house (653/131). They sold it to William and Barbara LaBanz in 1972 (915/162). James and Judith Lynn Gundling purchased the property in 1975 (970/804). They transferred the property to Alice T. Pickett in 1979 (1090/226). The current owner is Jo Ann Slade, who received title to the property in 1988 (1467/8).

This house was built in a section of town subdivided in 1885 as "Dallam's Second Addition." Dallam's Second Addition included the two square blocks north of Mary Dallam's home, Tulip Hill (located at the corner of Rock Spring Road and Howard Street). The new subdivision was bounded by Vale Road on the north and Howard Street on the south. Several Late Victorian homes were built in this area between 1885 and 1912.

Little to no building activity occurred in this subdivision during the third and fourth decades of the 20th century. In 1930, the town of Bel Air incorporated the addition into its limits.

Changes were made to Dallam's Second Addition beginning in the 1930s. The northern segment of Dallam's Second Addition, the area bounded by Hall Street on the south, Vale Road on the north, Roland Street on the west, and Rock Spring Avenue on the east was platted and renamed the "Rock Spring Addition." The 1931 plat for this addition shows only two houses standing in the area, a large house at the northeast corner of Roland and Hall (703 Roland Avenue) and its barn (no longer extant), located behind the house on Robinson Street. The alley between Rock Spring and Roland Avenues in the southern segment of Dallam's Second Addition corresponds to Robinson Street in the Rock Spring Addition. Lots in the renamed Rock Spring Addition were 25 feet across. The intent of the subdivider in creating such narrow lots is unclear.

In September 1940, the plat of one-half of the Rock Spring Addition, the block between Hall Street, Vale Road, Roland Avenue and Robinson Street, was further revised. The 1940 plat for this area reveals larger lots and a new lot numbering system, perhaps indicating that the 25-foot lots did not sell well. The basic 1940 configuration still exists today: the average lots on the northeast side of Roland Avenue are 60 feet across, while those on Robinson Street are 55.63 feet across. Lots 15 and 16 of Roland Avenue are 92.86 feet across. Robinson Street, like Roland Avenue, contains houses built in the 1940s and 1950s, with additional homes constructed as recently as the 1980s.

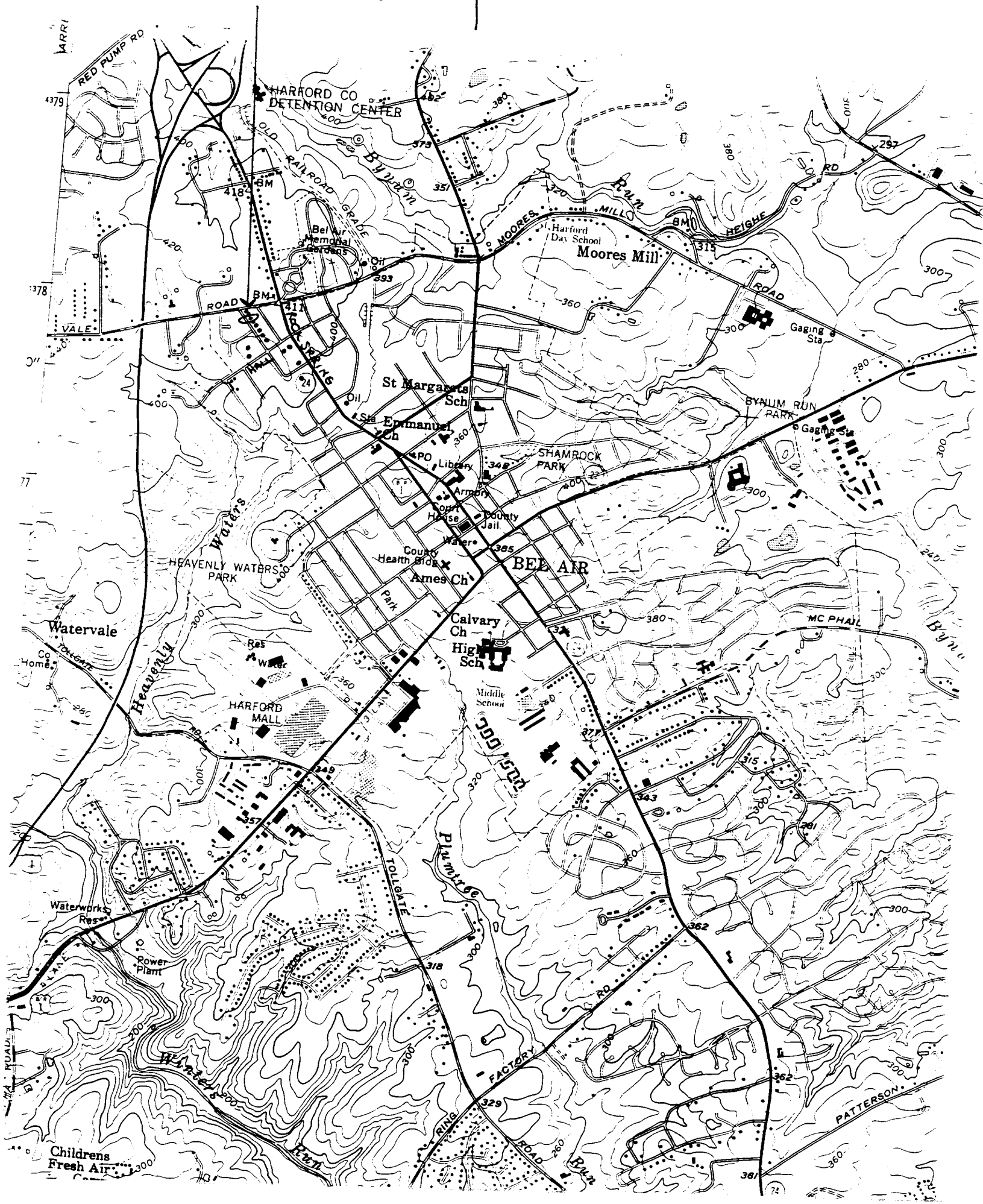
¹ The date of construction comes from the Harford County Tax Assessors Office. Earle and Mosena Burkins purchased the land at 723, 727, 731, 739, and 743 Roland Avenue in 1937 (246/214) and presumably built the houses thereon in the years which followed.

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Item 8, Significance (continuation sheet 2)

The majority of houses are in the "minimal traditional," and Cape Cod styles. At this time, these houses have no apparent architectural significance.

#HA-1763
Bel Air, MD Quad





Earle and Mosera Burkins House #17

LA 5703

739 Roland Avenue

Quire Mueller

5/1/90

Facing northeast



Earle and Mosena Butkins House

H.P. 1703

739 Roland Avenue

Julie Mueller

5/1/90

Facing north